Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Patti Earley has dedicated the past 28 years to a career in state government beginning as a student at South Dakota State University as an accounting clerk in SDSU's motor pool; and,

Whereas, Patti showed a remarkable insight for fleet management and worked her way up the ranks to Deputy Director of the state's 3,450-unit fleet. She became a Certified Automotive Fleet Manager and was the cover girl for the NAFA Fleet Executive Magazine; and,

Whereas, Patti is a valued member of the fleet management team who helped institute Megatrak, the state's automated fuel system, and has worked diligently to make the state's fleet more efficient and user friendly; and,

Whereas, Patti has earned a reputation as a great athlete and good sport on the softball diamond, at the bowling alley and skydiving over Brookings, as well as in the field for the wily state bird; and,

Whereas, As dedicated as Patti is to fleet management, she is more devoted to her daughter, Jenna, who is now bound for SDSU; and,

Whereas, To make certain all of Jenna's spring breaks will be well chaperoned, Patti has accepted a position with Florida Power and Light in West Palm Beach and is going ahead to establish a beachhead for Jenna and her friends; and,

Whereas, Patti's colleagues will gather to honor Patti and wish her a hearty farewell as she leaves state government on August 25, 2006, and heads to Florida to begin a new chapter in her life; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Patti for her years of dedicated service:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 25, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with her family and friends in wishing her well and thanking her for her years of service.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State